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SUBJ: RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA AND POLAND

- 1. BULGARIAN DEPUTY PM TSOLOV RECEIVED RED CARPET TREATMENT THROUGHOUT HIS JUN 15-19 VISIT, BUT VISIT ENDED WITH PRESS RELEASE IN LIEU OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. FRENCH AMB TOLD ME JUN 19 THAT HE UNDERSTOOD BULGARIANS HAD COME PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS OIL MATTERS AND THAT VISIT HAD NOT GONE WELL. BULGARIAN AMB HAS RECENTLY COMPLAINED ABOUT IRAQI INGRATITUDE FOR SUPPORT IT RECEIVED FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES DURING NATIONALIZATION CRISIS.
- 2. FRENCH AND TURKISH AMBS SAY THAT PRES AL- BAKR IS PLANNING TO VISIT BULGARIA AND POLAND BY END OF JUN.
- 3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IRAQ' S RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST STATES ARE STRAINED AS RESULT CESSATION OF OIL BARTER, CLOSURE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CULTURAL CENTERS OF USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND GDR, AND RECENT EXPLANSION OF ECONOMIC TIES WITH WEST, BAATH REGIME HAS NO INTEREST IN SERIOUS DISRUPTION THESE RELATIONSHIPS.

BAKR'S PROJECTED VISIT TO POLAND AND BULGARIA IS SEEN HERE AS MOVE TO MAINTAIN BALANCE IN IRAQI FOREIGN POLICY AND TO SILENCE CRITICISM FROM COMMUNISTS THAT IRAQ IS UNGRATEFUL OPPORTUNIST IN ITS DEALINGS WITH SOCIALIST STATES.

4. EGYPTIAN AMB TOLD ME JUN 23 THAT SOVIET PM KOSYGIN IS EXPECTED TO VISIT IRAQ, SYRIA AND PERHAPS OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA IN NEAR FUTURE. LWORE

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